

Are you interested in promoting children's health and increasing their knowledge of agriculture, food, nutrition and the environment? If so, the Nutrition Educator position for the AmeriCorps Farm to School Program (F2S) may be right for you!

POSITION: Nutrition Educator

DEPARTMENT: The Nutrition Educator is employed by AmeriCorps with the Stevens Point Area YMCA as the host site for the DATCP AmeriCorps Farm to School Program (F2S). You will be working under the direction and supervision of the Y Director of Wellness & Chronic Disease Prevention.

NUMBER OF OPENINGS: 1

HIRING STATUS: Position to start 2/1/16

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) partners with federal AmeriCorps to implement a successful AmeriCorps Farm to School program, which works to decrease childhood obesity by promoting healthy eating habits in students and increasing access to local foods in schools. Working directly with the AmeriCorps F2S Community Outreach Member, you are tasked with delivering lessons to students on healthy eating, local foods, and the science of growing and sustaining foods. You will follow the guidelines from a set of established curriculum but will have the freedom to develop your own lessons and coordinate events. You will plan and participate in food tastings at schools and work with students and food service personnel to get kids to try new foods.

PRIMARY QUALIFICATIONS:

Skills: Must possess basic knowledge of healthy eating, natural foods and the science of growing and sustaining foods. Must have experience in group instruction, preferably elementary age children.

Competencies: Most important, you must have a sincere belief in the importance of and the desire to actively promote and educate children on healthy eating and the positive impact of choosing local foods. You must be comfortable interacting with and leading groups of elementary school age children. Other critical competencies include creativity, spontaneous flexibility in curriculum presentation, strong motivational and persuasive skills and the ability to work independently. You must exhibit the Y core values of respect, responsibility, honesty, and caring.

Education: High School Diploma/GED

Minimum Age: 18

SCHEDULE:

Temporary position from February 1, 2016 – end of August 2016

Flexible work schedule, about 20 hours per week

WAGE:

Paid by AmeriCorps:

\$215 every 2 weeks

Includes modest living allowance, student loan deferment and an education award of \$1468 at the end of service

Limited reimbursement will be provided for travel to participating communities and training

YMCA Benefits:

Fully-paid Y adult membership

On-site free child care available

ABOUT THE Y:

At the Y we work hard but have fun doing it. Words that our employees have used to describe the Y work environment: sense of belonging, camaraderie, family friendly, supportive, welcoming, team atmosphere, fast paced, meaningful, energetic. The Y is about youth development, healthy living and social responsibility with emphasis on the core values of respect, responsibility, honesty and caring. The Y offers more than just a job; it offers a cause to embrace. We are conveniently located in central Stevens Point within blocks of the University.

HOW TO APPLY:

Required: Fully completed Stevens Point Area YMCA Employment Application with resume, letter of interest including a statement explaining why you think farm-to-school is important for Wisconsin schools. Submit your application materials to the YMCA as per instructions on the application.

Application is available on-line at www.spymca.org

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